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Can an Engineering (MEP) firm take the lead with an Architect and other firms as their subconsultant? Or are you looking for an Architect to be the Prime consultant?

It is possible for a MEP firm to take the lead of the Architect in the A/E IDIQ-Comprehensive procurement. But we are looking for an Architect to be the prime consultant for this particular procurement due to the fact the majority of the construction deals with facility renovation which requires work flow analysis, functional relationships, space allocation, finish requirements, etc. in order to provide new floor plans acceptable to the VA. The majority of the design will be from the Architect and MEP is secondary to support the Architectural design.

Can an MEP engineering firm submit for the comprehensive design IDIQ and have an architectural firm as a sub-consultant?

It is possible for a MEP to submit for the A/E IDIQ-Comprehensive procurement and have an architectural firm as a sub-consultant. But why would one do that since this would be more costly than if the Architect was the lead with MEP as a sub-consultant.

How has VISN3 embraced the philosophy of person-centered design, specifically Planetree principles?

Yes. VISN3 has included the Planetree principles in their future designs.

Will Planetree certification be beneficial to the work outlined in the IDIQ and considered as part of the selection process?

Planetree Vusuibary Design Network certification is not required but would be considered as a positive/strength during the review and selection process by the AE Selection Board.